



City of San Diego

2011 Proposed State and Federal Legislative Program

Rules, Open Government and
Intergovernmental Relations Committee

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Background

- Legislative program is proactive
- Legislative, budgetary and regulatory priorities
- Criteria for proposals include:
 - Significant revenues for the City
 - Significant cost savings
 - Enhances public safety
 - Improvements to efficiency in providing services to citizens



Background: 2010 Successes

- Five of six legislative bills signed into law:
- AB 2294 – requires drivers licenses for pedicab operators
- AB 2510 – removed legislative barriers that prevented POA members and classified employees to CalPERS for retiree health
- SB 346 – phases out copper brake pads
- AB 2567 – allows cameras to be mounted on street sweepers
- AB 1666 – allows auditor or controller to provide audit report to appropriate authority for disciplinary purposes
- Proposition 22



Background – 2010 Successes

- Federal funding:
 - Over \$1.3 million for the following projects:
 - Acquisition of equipment to enhance technology for Police Crime Lab
 - Feasibility study for City's four reservoir supply intertie
 - Fiber optic cable for interstate highway interchange improvement project
 - Book and technology acquisition at Skyline Hills Branch Library
 - \$2.33 million in military construction funding for Point Loma Naval Marine Mammal Surgical Site
 - \$2 million for the San Diego Area Water Reclamation Program



Background – 2010 Successes

- **Border Funding:**
 - \$950,000 for restoration and reclamation in Nelson Sloan Quarry plus necessary permits to conduct de-sedimentation activities in Tijuana River Valley
 - Cross Border Facility received a presidential permit
 - \$150,000 for Intermodal Transportation Facility feasibility study at San Ysidro border crossing.
 - Almost \$90 million for Route 11/Otay Mesa Port of Entry Project
 - Over \$70 million for SR-905



Background – 2010 Successes

- \$250,000 for urban greening planning in City Heights
- \$1 million for Southeastern Plan Update
- Only city to have two Catalyst Projects designated by HCD in the CA Sustainable Strategies Pilot Program – Village at Market Creek & Civita (Quarry Falls)
- Market Creek also to receive \$1 million in Affordable Housing Innovation Funding
- \$369,000 CalGRIP grant for gang prevention activities



2011 City Legislative Priorities

Budget and Infrastructure Proposals

- Seek federal support for local infrastructure projects and enhanced public safety.
- Support legislation which provides tax breaks and incentives for local government bonding, as well as supporting other federal mechanisms to relieve local government fiscal distress.
- Seek clarification language that exempts TMDs and other BIDs from Proposition 26
- Support legislation to enable future pension or retiree healthcare proposals where state and federal regulations impede reform



2011 City Legislative Priorities

Economic Development

- Support federal legislation to reinstate RC program retroactively and amend the definition of “continuous boundary” to permit HUD to include census tracts that are adjacent to each other
- Protect EZ program from elimination and support reasonable reform efforts
- Seek federal funding for regional economic cluster planning to aid economic development within the City of San Diego
- Support legislation that would site a clean energy research headquarters here in San Diego.
- Seek funding for the City of San Diego, and other partner public agencies, that could be used for clean energy projects, smart grid and energy efficiency.



2011 City Legislative Priorities

Economic Development

- Support state legislation that would lower thresholds for locals sales tax incentive programs for recruitment or retention of manufacturing
- Seek federal legislation to remove barriers that prohibit local government moving forward on Property Assessed Clean Energy Programs like the City's Clean Generation Program.
- Seek legislation at the state and federal level which would provide direct incentives and/or ease barriers for private funding for companies and other entities engaged in bio-fuel research, development and commercialization.
- Support state and federal funding and policy support for youth employment programs
- Support federal legislation for allocations to the Recovery Zone Facility Bond Reallocation Pool



2011 City Legislative Priorities

Transportation, Airport and Border Funding

- Seek Transit, Highway and Rail Funding in the transportation reauthorization
- Seek state and federal funding for transit operations
- Seek rail and high-speed rail money for the San Diego region including funds for grade separations.
- Support federal legislation to allow CEQA Environmental Impact Reports to serve in place of NEPA EIR's for federal projects.
- Seek federal funding for the state of California's Goods Movement Action Plan.
- Advocate for further funding from DOT's TIGER Program
- Continued advocacy of border projects



2011 City Legislative Priorities

Housing and Community Development

- Advocate for future rounds of Sustainable Communities Planning Grants and other smart growth planning opportunities
- Preserve and advocate for adequate CDBG funding levels
- Seek additional state and federal funding for foreclosure assistance, homeless services, veterans housing, etc.
- Ensure federal poverty criteria proportionally reflects San Diego as a high cost/high income area



2011 City Legislative Priorities

Storm Water

- Seek state and federal funding for storm water pollution prevention programs and City CIP
- Seek federal legislation to create a trash cleanup fund for border regions
- Continue to work with Army Corps of Engineers and other appropriate state and federal agencies to secure funding and improvements to the Tijuana River Valley



2011 City Legislative Priorities

Water Reliability

- Continue to seek funding for the four reservoir intertie feasibility study
- Support legislative efforts, related to the previously passed water package, to provide additional benefits or opportunities for the City from regulations or funding categories previously adopted
- Support state legislation or regulation to establish a program for reclaimed water retrofit costs
- Support legislation to permit an exchange of specific parcels between the City's Public Utilities Department/Water Fund and the Cleveland National Forest



2011 City Legislative Priorities

Fire Protection

- Seek state and federal funding for local and regional firefighting equipment.
- Support legislation that would enable insurance fees to be levied to enhance fire protection.
- Continue to seek brush management funding at the federal level.



2011 City Legislative Priorities

Homeland Security

- Continue efforts to ensure San Diego remains on the high risk urban area list and eligible for the UASI program.
- Advocate for stable or increased funding of the UASI program.



2011 City Legislative Priorities

Public Safety and Gang Prevention

- Pursue legislative and budgetary opportunities for the City to continue and/or expand its current prevention and intervention activities. Continue to assist in the pursuit of grant funds from existing and newly created opportunities at both the state and federal government.
- Continue efforts to maintain, if not increase, DOJ funding for police related grant opportunities



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Questions?